

IN MEMORY OF MR. TINO
FULIMENI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great man, Mr. Tino Fulimeni, for his years of dedicated service to the Cleveland and world community.

Mr. Fulimeni, originally from Vestaburg, Pennsylvania, hitchhiked to Cleveland after high school and found a job with Republic Steel Corporation. After joining the union he spent some time in the Army and later married Yvonne, another native from his hometown. The two soon settled in Berea, Ohio and he returned to the steel mill to serve on union committees.

In 1977, Mr. Fulimeni became a full-time staff representative for the United Steelworkers of America. He spent a great deal of time working with women and racial minorities to provide and ensure equality for all steelworkers. He represented over 21,000 steelworkers after he became director of the union's District 28. His hard work and dedication to the rights of workers did not go unnoticed. Mr. Fulimeni soon thereafter was appointed special assistant to the union's international president.

Mr. Fulimeni is truly a man of the people. His dedication and loyalty to all steelworkers earned him the respect of all his colleagues. He was known as a tough negotiator, a strong co-worker, and a close friend to many. In addition to his union work, Mr. Fulimeni was active in the American Legion. His strong leadership and patriotism were apparent to his peers who elected him post commander three times.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and remembering a truly great man, Mr. Tino Fulimeni. He has touched the Cleveland community and helped many steelworkers. He will be greatly missed.

HONORING TOM HAMILTON

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Tom Hamilton, who has been with the Forest Service for the past 37 years. Mr. Hamilton is retiring from federal service after serving as the Director of the Forest Products Laboratory, the nation's leading wood research institute located in Madison, Wisconsin.

Tom has led the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) in its dedication to solving societal problems related to the forest and its products by using the best scientific resources available. While some may not be aware, FPL is the public side of the public-private partnership needed to create technology for the long-term sustainability of our forests.

Originally from Westfield, Wisconsin, Tom later graduated from UW-Madison, with a B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. from the UW's Department of Agricultural Economics. He spent much of his career with the Forest Service at various forest research stations, and later with the Forest

Service Washington Office. In 1994, Tom was appointed Director of FPL.

As Director, Tom has led more than 250 scientists and support staff conduct research on expanded and diverse aspects of wood use, including pulp and paper products, housing and structural uses of wood, wood preservation, wood and fungi identification, and finishing and restoration of wood products. In addition to traditional lines of research, Under Tom's leadership, the Forest Products Laboratory has responded to environmental pressures on forest resources by using cutting-edge techniques to study recycling, developing environmentally friendly technology, and broadening the nation's understanding of ecosystem-based forest management.

Through Tom's initiative, work is now ongoing at FPL towards new recycling technology, creating a new fiber resource, and reducing pressure on our precious forests.

Tom's leadership of this important research resource has been a national treasure, and his many years of service with FPL and the Forest Service are commendable. As he transitions to a new phase of life following his retirement from public service, he will truly be missed.

HONORING LILLIAN TICK ON HER
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Lillian Tick on the occasion of her 100th Birthday.

Lillian Tick was born Lillian Ostrega, the oldest of five children to Isadore (Ichimayer) and Frieda (Frima) Ostrega, in the city of Wyshkov, Poland on the third day of July 1901.

Mr. Speaker, Isadore Ostrega left Poland for the United States in 1908 to search for a better life for himself and his family. In 1912, after years of hard work, he was able to bring his wife, Frieda, to join him. When Frieda left Europe, it was Lillian who obtained and supplied food for her family. It took eight years before Lillian's parents were finally able to save enough money to bring their children to America. Lillian, her three brothers—Louis, David and Hyman—and her sister, Dora, all arrived at Ellis Island in 1920.

Lillian eventually met and married Morris Tick, a lansman emigre from Poland. They had three children: Irving, who passed away in 1988, Theodore (Ted) and Natalie.

Mr. Speaker, Lillian Tick is affectionately called Mama Lilly by all who know her and cherish her. Mama Lilly's many friends and admirers include Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes, and Cantor Sol Zim and the other congregants and employees of the Hollis Hills Jewish Center, where she is nearly a permanent fixture.

Mama Lilly is a four-foot-nine-inch bundle of energy. To this day, she still cleans and dusts to the level of her own height, maintains her own room, and insists on doing the dishes each evening, as well as the family ironing, despite having fractured both hips and walking with the aid of a quadruped cane.

Mama Lilly reads the newspapers everyday, and attends Shabbat and High Holiday serv-

ices regularly. When she is able, she observes the various Yahrzeit memorials in honor of her dear departed.

Mr. Speaker, if you ask Mama Lilly how she feels, the response is invariably, "I'm fine." When you meet Lillian Tick for the first time, you find a universal mother and grandmother. From then on you will always address her as, and you will always have, a "Mama Lilly."

The Hollis Hills Jewish Center is celebrating Lillian's 100th Birthday on June 23, 2001, so that all of Mama's many friends can share in this joyful occasion. She is beloved by all; her search for a new and better life in America, her independent spirit, and her life of hard work is the essence of our great nation: a land of immigrants yearning to breathe free.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me now in honoring the 100th Birthday of Lillian Tick, who has touched the lives of so many people during her glorious years with us.

IN HONOR OF WALTER J. BRANT,
JR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Officer Walter J. Brant, Jr. for his dedication and devotion to his community.

Walter Brant, born in the Bronx, relocated to Long Island where he graduated from North Babylon High School in 1980. Officer Brant joined the New York City Police Department in August of 1993. Upon completion of the academy he was assigned to Police Service Area #2 where he has served the Cypress Hills Development Community for the last seven years.

While serving as a Community Policing Officer, Walter implemented the C.P.R. Bike Ride, which involved both the community youth, and Officers. Officer Brant has also participated in the 1999 City Wide Recruitment Campaign. He is presently active in the N.Y.P.D. after school program, A.S.P.I.R.E., and is involved with providing protection for the community's senior citizens. In addition, Walter has received the Law Enforcement and Community Achievement Awards and the CPR Award recognizing him for his commitment to the principles of Courtesy, Professionalism, and Respect.

Walter enjoys spending his free time with his friends and family. He devotes himself to the love of his life, Angela and their two children Jaclyn and Christopher. He also enjoys boating, carpentry and coaching his son's Little League baseball team.

Mr. Speaker, Officer Walter J. Brant, Jr. has devoted much of his life to serving his community through his duty as a police officer. He is a very dedicated individual who for many years has devoted himself to the youth of his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.